

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A pile knitting method by a weft knitting machine is provided in which a compound needle can be used to form a pile stitch and simultaneously hold other stitches. After a hook of a needle body receives a fastening yarn fed thereto, a carriage brings together a yarn feeder for feeding a pile yarn and the hook receives the pile yarn. On a front needle bed, the needle body is raised to a tuck position in a state where an old loop is set on a tongue of a slider. The hook of the needle body holds therein the fastening yarn. When the pile yarn is fed to the hook from the yarn feeder, the hook holds therein the fastening yarn and the pile yarn. The pile yarn is set also on a tongue of a slider on a rear needle bed, which tongue has been already raised and advanced into a needle bed gap.